

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP
LOK SABHA**

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National Apprenticeship Scheme

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Will the Minister of SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any National Apprenticeship scheme and if so, the details and salient features/ objectives of the scheme;
- (b) the targets set/achievements made under the scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up more centres for apprentice training in various States and if so, the locations identified for the purpose;
- (d) whether all the public sector undertakings have been asked to ensure that the number of apprentices they have is of a certain percentage of their total workforce including contracted workforce;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons who undertook apprenticeship training at factories during the above period; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to introduce a scheme to provide incentives to the employers to engage apprentices and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

- (a) & (f) Yes Madam. Government has approved National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme. Under the Scheme, Government of India will share 25% of prescribed stipend subject to a maximum of Rs. 1500 per month per apprentice with the employers. Government of India will also share Rs. 7500 per fresher apprentice (who come directly from school without any formal trade training) as a basic training cost with Basic Training Providers for a maximum duration of 500 hours / 3 months.
- (b) The target for the scheme is 50 lakh apprentices by 2020. 5 lakh apprentices in 2016-17, 10 lakh apprentices in 2017-18, 15 lakh apprentices in 2018-2019 and 20 lakh apprentices in 2019-20.
- (c) No Madam.
- (d) & (e) Each establishment shall engage apprentices in a band of 2.5% to 10% of the total strength of the establishment including contractual staff.